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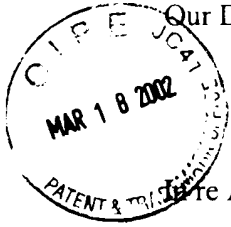
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Re Application of:

Han-Ming Wu et al.

Examiner: Nguyen, Hung

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For: Purging Gas from a Photolithography)
Enclosure Between a Mask Protective)
Device and a Pattern Mask)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2002 the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and to consider the following remarks.

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